## ATTORNEY Two positions Position #00021 Position #00004

The Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy is seeking two qualified candidates for Staff Attorney positions to advocate for the rights of clients with disabilities through negotiation, mediation, investigation, and representation in administrative and court proceedings.

One opening is for an attorney position in the Richmond office. One position is a telecommuter position for an attorney living in Northern Virginia, Roanoke, or Charlottesville. The telecommuter candidate must have experience working with minimal supervision.

Duties will include analyzing case law and related statutes, regulations and policy regarding rights of individuals with disabilities; conducting investigations and discovery; and preparing pleadings, motions, and briefs in administrative and judicial proceedings. Duties will also include planning and implementing outreach and training activities as well as providing technical assistance to persons requesting such help.

The candidate will possess a working knowledge of administrative and court rules and procedures; the demonstrated ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; and a working skill in using computer word processing applications. A demonstrated commitment to social justice is essential. Experience with disability and/or civil rights law preferred. The candidate must be a licensed member of the Virginia Bar. Experience working with people with disabilities or fluency in sign language or Spanish is a plus.

Statewide travel is required. Beginning Salary Range: \$34,910-\$55,000 commensurate with experience.

Apply to: VOPA Human Resources, 1910 Byrd Ave., Suite 5, Richmond, VA 23230, (804) 225-2042 or FAX (804) 662-7431. Faxed and emailed applications accepted only if followed by original, signed application.

Application Closing Date: by 5:00 p.m. on 11/13/06 To apply, State Application Form 10-012 **required**. Include a cover letter or resume describing qualifications listed above.

Minorities and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. AA/EEO/TTY/REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION UPON REQUEST